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UNREGISTERED BUILDERS
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether builders across the country have not registered themselves with the authority concerned for cess collection under Building and Other Construction Workers` Welfare Cess Act, 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore alongwith the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the States where the Welfare Authority has been set up from the funds raised from cess collection?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): There is no provision under the Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 for registration of an employer engaged in construction work. However, under Section 7 of the Building & Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service), Act, 1996, every employer of an establishment to which this Act applies on its commencement shall get himself registered.

(b) & (c): The Building & Other Construction Workers (RECS) Act, 1996 is implemented by both the Central/State Governments/UTs in respective spheres. The Central Government have framed rules, notified the authorities for the implementation of the Act in the establishments in Central sphere. Only State Governments of Kerala & Delhi have adopted and started implementing the Act. Government of Tamil Nadu are implementing their own similar Act. Other State Governments like Punjab, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh are in the different stages of adoption of the Act like framing of rule or constitution of Welfare Boards. The Government is regularly requesting the State Governments to take appropriate action for early adoption and implementation of the Building & Other Construction Workers (RECS) Act, 1996.